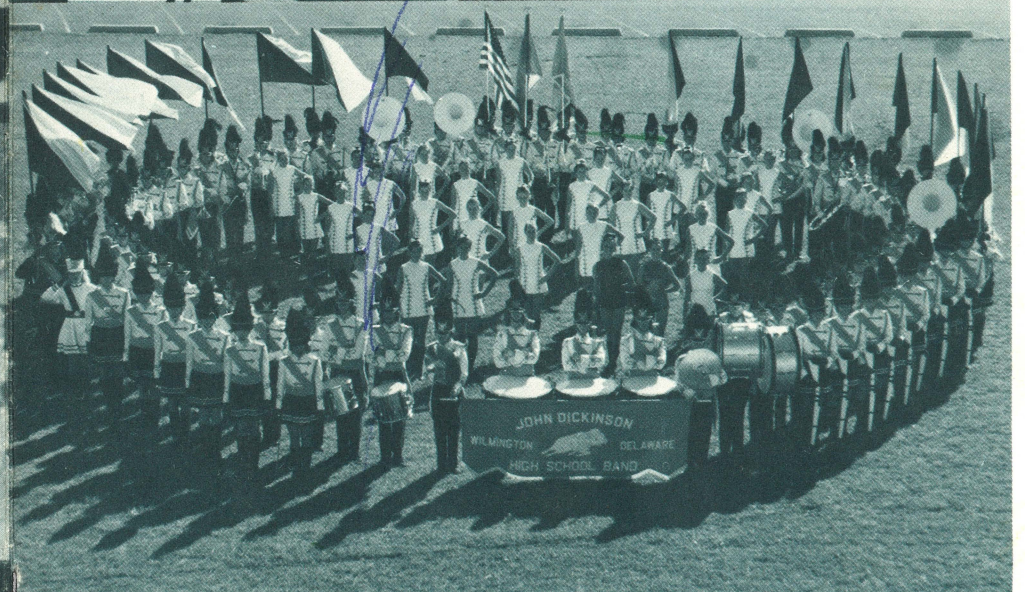




1974-75



JOHN DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL "RAMS" BAND

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



**FESTIVAL OF STATES
SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT**

The Star Spangled Banner Arr. Bill Moffit
 March "Dramatic" Robert Jager
 Sinfonia Nobilissima Robert Jager
 Bugler's Holiday Leroy Anderson

SOLOISTS Jay Snyder
 Dave Morris
 Arnold Gelb

Suite of Old American Dances Arr. Robert Russell Bennett
 1. Cake Walk
 2. Schottische
 3. Western One-Step
 4. Wallflower Waltz
 5. Rag

Michel Legrand in Concert Michel Legrand
 Cantique and Faranade W. Francis McBeth
 Gershwin Arr. Robert Russell Bennett
 America, The Beautiful Arr. Carmen Dragon



APRIL 1, 1975
 WILLIAMS PARK
 ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

**DELAWARE
THE FIRST STATE**

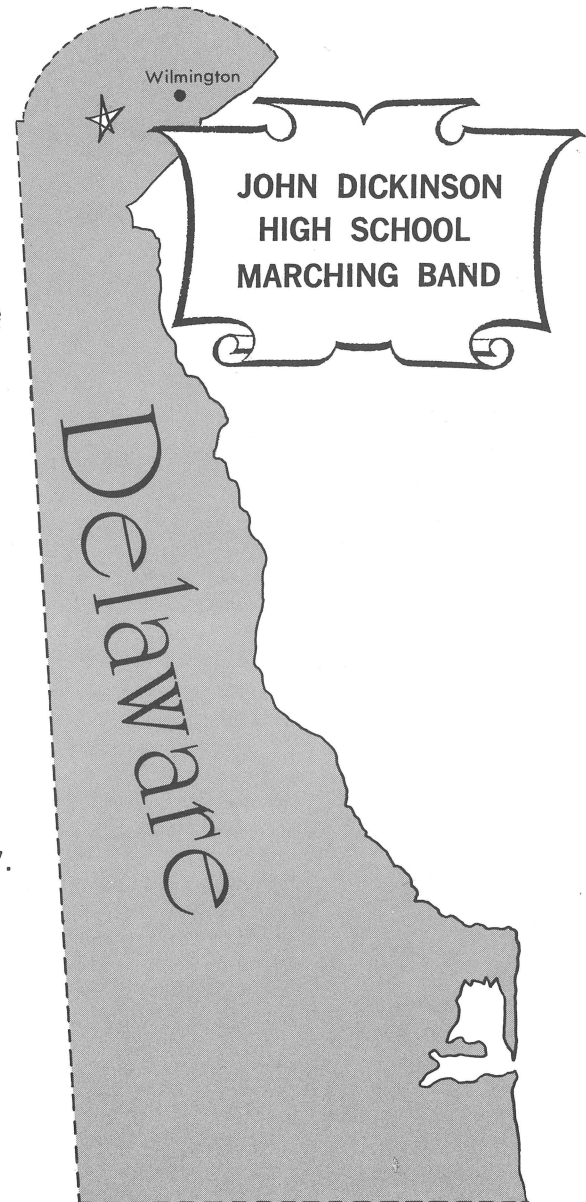
Delaware is known as the "FIRST STATE" because on December 7, 1787 it became the first state to ratify the United States Constitution. John Dickinson of Delaware, the man for whom our school is named, helped to draft the Constitution as a delegate from Delaware. He was also the second Governor of Delaware under the Articles of Confederation, the forerunner to the U. S. Constitution.

Delaware is the second smallest state in area and only four states (Alaska, Nevada, Vermont and Wyoming) have fewer people. The state motto is "LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE", the state flower is the "PEACH BLOSSOM" and the state tree is the "AMERICAN HOLLY".

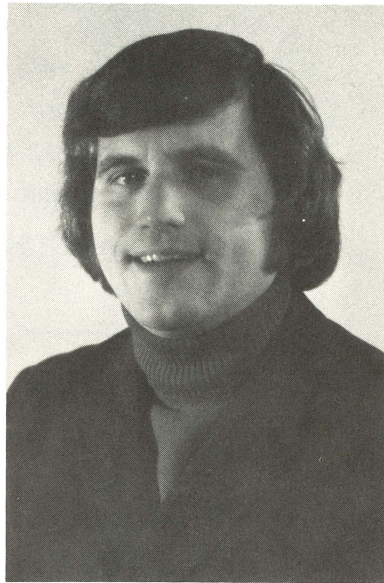
Some of the largest corporations in the U. S. have home offices in Delaware. E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., the world's second largest chemical manufacturer, has headquarters and research laboratories in Delaware. Wilmington, the largest city in Delaware, is often called the "CHEMICAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD".

Delaware has 28 miles of coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. This stretch of beach is a very popular vacation region.

Forests cover about one third the area of Delaware. Good farmland exists throughout the state. Delaware ranks among the leading states in the raising of broilers (chickens 9-12 weeks old).



DIRECTOR



Steven M. McMillan is the Director of Bands at John Dickinson High School. In addition to directing the Marching Band, he also directs the Symphonic Band, Stage Band, Woodwind Quintet, Sax Quartet, Flute Quartet, Clarinet Choir and Brass Choir. He is a 1965 graduate of Penn State University with additional studies at the Juilliard School of Music. While at Penn State, Steve marched with the Blue Band and was concert master of the Symphonic Blue Band. He was also selected for the Pennsylvania Collegiate Band where he was concert master.

He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha professional music fraternity, National Education Association, Delaware State Education Association, Music Educator's National Conference, Delaware Music Educator's Association, Marching Band Directors of America, Calvacade Indoor Drill Association (currently vice president), Calvacade of Bands Association (currently secretary-treasurer), Tournament of Bands and National Band Association.

INSTRUCTORS & ASSISTANTS

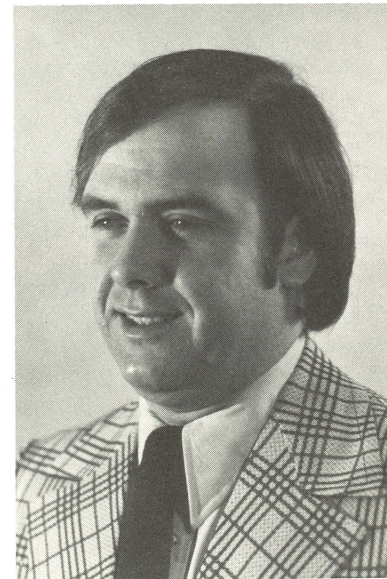


TWIRLING CORPS INSTRUCTOR

Bobbi McMillan (Mrs. Steven M. McMillan) instructs the Twirling Corps. She is also a graduate of Penn State. A former solo and competitive twirler, Bobbi now instructs the 30 member Dickinson Corps and teaches twirling privately. Bobbi is Chairperson of twirling for the Calvacade Indoor Drill Association. She was invited this past September by the Mid-Atlantic Judges Association to present a clinic to judges, band directors and instructors which was directed towards better utilization and judging of the Twirling Corps in a total concept presentation. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have one daughter, Carrie, age 4.

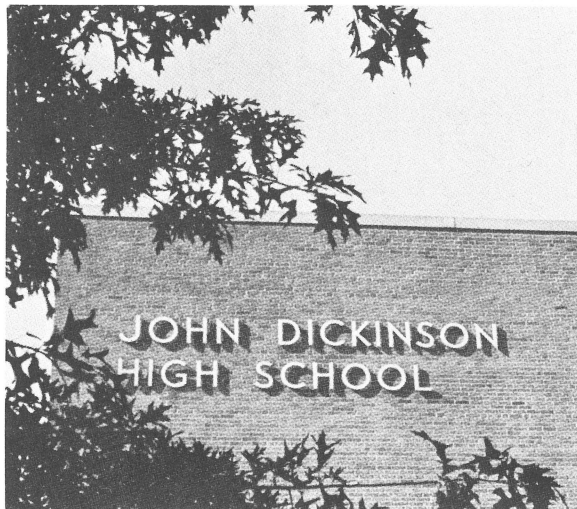
COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Michael Gallaway bears the responsibility for the Color Guard (flags, sabres and rifles). Mike, who is employed in private industry, handles these duties after his normal working hours. He obtained his expertise in marching with the nationally titled Blue Rock Drum & Bugle Corps of Wilmington, Delaware. He is past Chairperson of Color Guard for the Calvacade Indoor Drill Association.



ASSISTANTS

Patti Gallaway (Mrs. Michael Gallaway) — Sabres
Rick Strusowski — Brass
Jack White — Percussion



John Dickinson High School opened in 1959 as a result of the reorganization of the Henry C. Conrad School District. The modern two-story structure is situated on a 52 acre plot in suburban New Castle County midway between the cities of Newark and Wilmington, Delaware.

The school bears the name of a famous Revolutionary War Era patriot who is acknowledged to have been the Penman of the United States Constitution.

John Dickinson High School has an enrollment of 1275 pupils in Grades 10-12 and a teaching staff of 75. The school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

John Dickinson High School has an innovative educational program that offers a wide range of courses and programs. The school has operated on a modular schedule with varied course structure since 1966.

Various career education programs featuring co-operative work experience in which over 50% of the senior class participates have been recent additions to the curriculum.

In recent years, Dickinson has experienced unusual success in its extracurricular activities — notably in the Band and in Athletics. Participation by the members of the student body is high, and support from the community is outstanding.

HOME OF THE
RA  S BAND



PRINCIPAL



Mr. James E. Atkinson is Principal of John Dickinson High School. A native of Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Altoona Senior High School, Mr. Atkinson was awarded a B.S. from Lockhaven (Pa.) State Teachers College and a M.Ed. from St. Bonaventure University. He has also taken advanced graduate study at New York University and the University of Delaware. Mr. Atkinson served with the U. S. Army Paratroops during World War II. He has served eight years as teacher, coach and Guidance Counselor, nineteen years as a Secondary School Administrator and the past eight years as Principal of John Dickinson High School.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Mr. Harry C. Smith holds a B.S. Degree from West Chester State College and an M.S. Degree from Temple University. He has done additional graduate study at the University of Delaware. Mr. Smith was a teacher and coach for six years and spent eight years as the State Supervisor of Health & Physical Education in the Delaware Department of Public Instruction. He has been Assistant Principal at John Dickinson High School for the past twelve years.



Mr. Richard B. Jeffers holds a B.S. Degree from Muskingum (Ohio) College and an M.S. Degree from West Chester State College. He has spent twenty two years in the field of education in Ohio and Delaware. He has been associated with Dickinson for the past five years.

RAMS MARCHING BAND

Activity for the 1974-75 Marching Band season commenced in May 1974. At that time, Mr. McMillan auditioned the incoming sophomores for placement into the Band. Concurrently, interested members of this same class were auditioned by Bobbi McMillan for placement into the Twirling Corps and by Mike Gallaway for placement into the Color Guard.

Many practices were held by all the "RAMS" Marching Band members during the summer months. The music that was scheduled to be used during the 1974-75 year had been selected by Mr. McMillan and was distributed at the beginning of summer with instructions that it be memorized by the end of summer.

The last week in summer prior to Labor Day was set aside for Band Camp. The entire

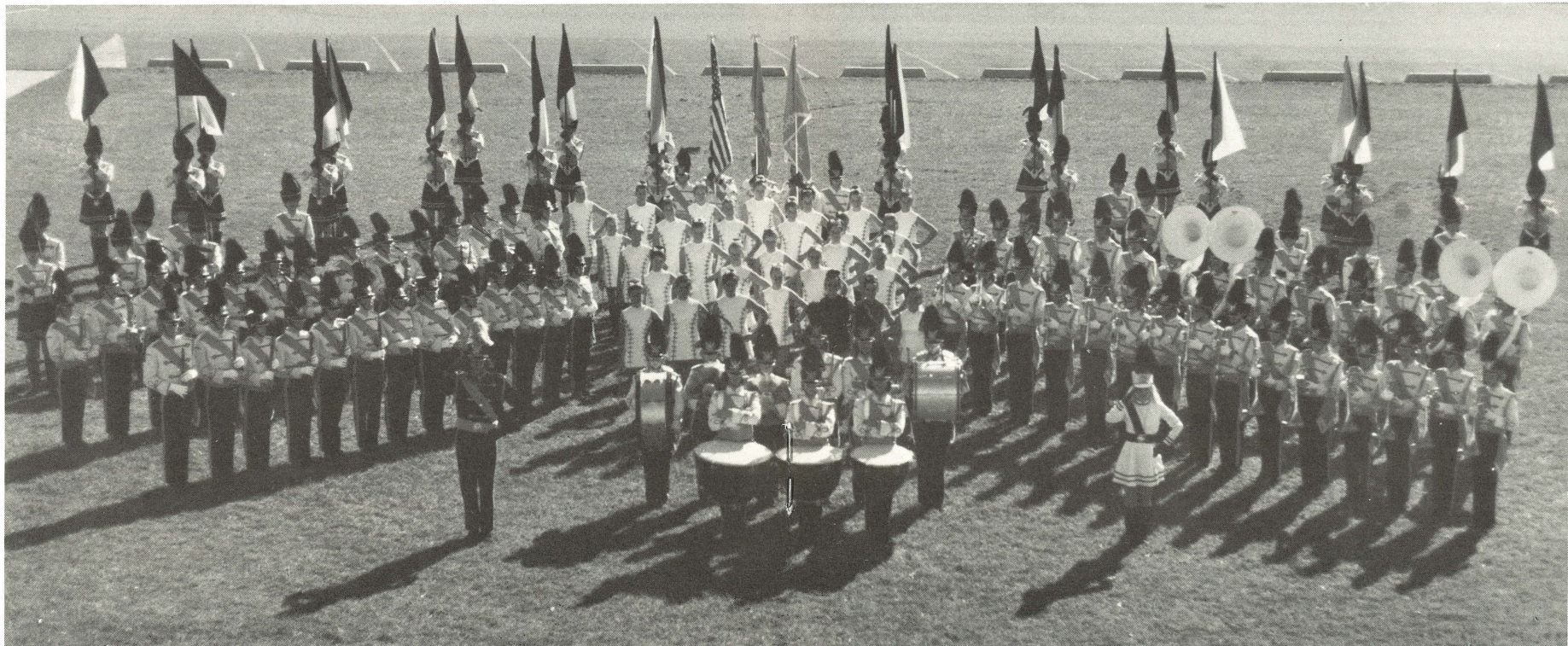


"RAMS" Marching Band spent Monday through Friday of that week at a YMCA Camp near Downington, Pennsylvania for intensive practices.

The entire Band practiced extensively during the autumn months — three hour daily practices were the rule, Monday through Friday, with occasional sessions scheduled for the weekends.

The playing members of the Band elected to serve as officers during the 1974-75 year are Jim Werner (President), Mike Guise (Vice President), Crystal Brewer (Secretary) and Arlene Hughes (Treasurer).

The "RAMS" Marching Band has performed at all Dickinson High School football games, and has participated in several Field Competitions and Parades during the 1974-75 school year.



MARCHING BAND CONTINUED

The highlight of the year will be participation in the Festival of States Competition in St. Petersburg, Florida during the first week of April 1975.

The Band has had an admirable competition record since its last appearance in the Festival of States three years ago. Since that time, the Band and Band Front have been awarded 7 first, 2 second and 1 third placements in field competition and 7 first and 2 second placements in parade competition. In indoor competition, the Twirling Corps has been awarded 5 first, 7 second and 1 third placements, and the Color Guard 5 first, 1 second and 2 third placements.

Some significant awards this year include the best high school band entered from Delaware in the 1974-75 State Fireman's Parade, top ratings in all categories in the New Castle County Marching Band Festival, first place in the Parade Competition of the North American Marching Band Championships in Philadelphia and first place in the large band class at the McKean High School Tournament of Bands Contest.

Some major awards in prior years include first place in the North American Marching Band Parade Competition in Philadelphia in both 1972 and 1973, first place in the New Holland Spectacle of Bands Parade in 1972 and Honor Band in 1973, Overall Top Band in the Oceanside Long Island Invitational in 1972, first place at the West Chester State College Field Competition in 1973 and third places in both the Field Competition and Parade Competition at the Festival of States, St. Petersburg, Florida in 1972.



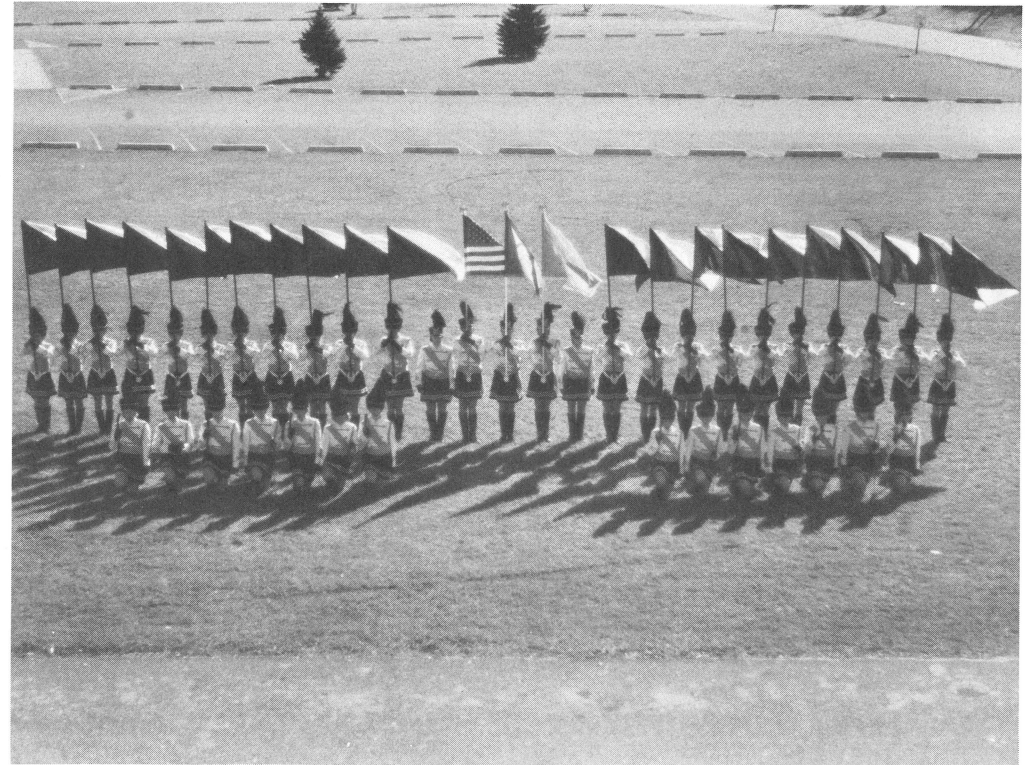
TWIRLING CORPS



Barbara Creegan, Joanne Peter and Judy Wright Serve as Captains of the Twirling Corps. The feature twirlers are Debbie Brabson, Barbara DeMatteis and Judy Trivits. Karen Sanderson is Captain of the Color Guard and Cheryl Hopkins and Susan Thomas are Lieutenants.

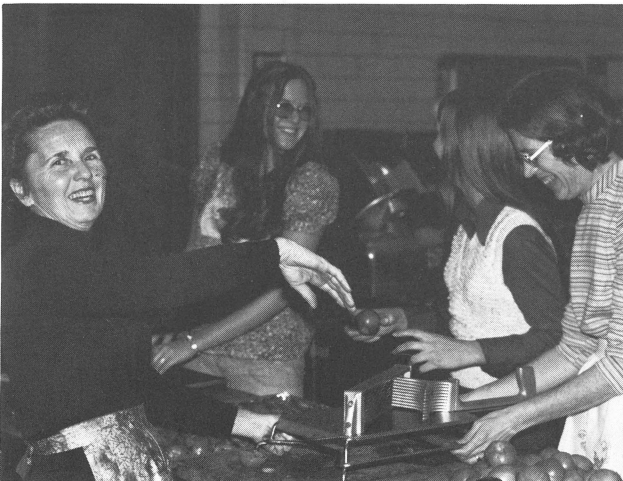
The Twirling Corps and Color Guard continued their practices during the winter months, due to their participation in indoor competition during the months of February and March. Practices began in November for 3-4 sessions a week including Sundays. Competitions are staged in high school gymnasiums, to live or recorded music. The winter shows are written by Bobbi for the Twirlers and Mike for the Guard and are 5 minute

COLOR GUARD



shows utilizing different drill patterns, moods and difficult equipment handling to present an integrated total show. Execution is rated very highly. The units are judged on general effect (GE), marching and maneuvering (M & M), twirling for the Twirling Corps and carriage for the Guard. The Guard has competed for three years with many wins and placements. The Twirling Corps has competed for two years and has never come away from a contest without a placement. Last year the Corps won all firsts and seconds and in their two years of competition have won two second placements in the Mid-Atlantic States Championships.

BAND BOOSTERS



STANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Robert K. Austin, President
James A. Brabson, Vice President
John E. Guillotte
Joseph E. Reardon
Mrs. Ellen Thompson
George E. Glynn, Jr., Secretary & Superintendent

An extremely active Band Boosters organization works in conjunction with Mr. McMillan and the Dickinson Marching Band. This group is composed of parents and friends of the band members plus interested alumni. The 1974-75 Board of Directors is composed of Roy Richardson (President), George Trivits (Vice President), Larry Flanagan (Secretary), Russ McCauley (Treasurer), Frank Dominelli and Ev Wright.

The Dickinson Band Boosters organization holds general meetings at the high school every two months during the school year in addition to holding special meetings.

The Boosters assist the Band and Director in many areas of endeavor. Some of these are purchasing, maintaining and repairing band uniforms, scheduling transportation, fund raising (e.g., submarine sandwich, citrus and firewood sales), hauling equipment, acting as chaperons, handling fire batons, publicity, maintaining equipment, videotaping performances, assisting Band in parades and competitions, etc.

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JOHN DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND ROSTER



COLOR GUARD

Linda Aungst
Robin Bainbridge
Mandy Balaguer
Dorothy Black
Peggy Brady
Betsy Brogan
Ellen Ciamaricone
Dianne Crishock
Anita Dallago
Lisa Driscoll
Sheryl Grello
Kathy Hitchens
Karen Holdway
Cheryl Hopkins
Judy Iffland
Sue Jahns
Cheryl Kieffer
Ann Louise Klein
Carolyn Knecht
Karen Kurtz
Marilyn Kyritsis
Sheryl Loder
Maureen Macy
Diane Marshall
Becky Newborn
Linda Pawlyk
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Sue Peterson
Nan Rakowski
Sue Roser
Karen Sanderson
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Janet Thomas
Susan Thomas
Vicky Urban
Denise Walls
Michelle Warren

TWIRLING CORPS

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Connie Carlisle
Barbara Creegan
Donna Cushing
Linda Cushing
Barbara DeMatteis

Denise Dobraniecki
Linda Dominelli
Cindy Hanifee
Kim Kramer
Kim Krammes
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Dawn Munro
Vicki Parlier
Joanne Peter
Beth Richardson
Sherry Simmons
Linda Smith
Nancy Smith
Lynn Terrizzi
Judy Trivits
Margaret Vuolo
Joy Walter
Daria Whitehead
Judy Wright

PLAYING MEMBERS

Mark Alexander
Brian Allen
Tom Anthos
Matt Barhydt
Connie Bernard
Julie Blake
Crystal Brewer
Kathy Ann Cartos
Erika Cathcart
Lynne Cescon
Virginia Coen
Bill Couch
Brian Dallas
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